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E.O.11652: NA
TAGS: CDES (WHITE, JAMES ALEXANDER)
SUBJ: DEATH OF JAMES ALEXANDER WHITE

REF: SEOUL 6154, STATE 178085 AND PREVIOUS

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY CONCLUDES THAT BODY FOUND IN PAPER SHIPMENT FROM US IS THAT OF AMERICAN CITIZEN JAMES ALEXANDER WHITE. DEPT. IS REQUESTED TO NOTIFY NEXT OF KIN AND ASCERTAIN WHAT FAMILY WISHES TO HAVE DONE WITH REMAINS.
2. ON JULY 19 THE DIRECTOR OF THE SEOUL METROPOLITAN POLICE ISSUED A STATEMENT OF "NOTIFICATION OF CONFIRMED DEATH" FOR JAMES ALEXANDER WHITE. ON THAT SAME DAY DIRECTOR OF US ARMY MORTUARY AT YONGSAN COMPARED DENTAL CAST FROM BODY WITH DENTAL CHARACTERISTICS SUPPLIED BY DEPT. SINCE TOOTH NUMBER 9 IS MISSING IN BOTH, HE CONCLUDED THAT THE TEETH APPEAR TO MATCH THOSE OF JAMES ALEXANDER WHITE. SINCE WHITE WAS BLACK AND WAS KNOWN TO BE IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA ABOUT THE TIME THE BODY, OF A BLACK MAN HAVING IDENTIFICATION AS JAMES ALEXANDER WHITE, WOUND UP IN A CONTAINER OF PAPER SHIPPED FROM SAN DIEGO, WE CONCLUDE THAT THE BODY IS INDEED THAT OF JAMES ALEXANDER WHITE. AN FS-192 IS NOW BEING PREPARED FOR
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FORWARDING TO THE DEPT. FOR APPROVAL.

3. ARMY MORTUARY HAS AGREED TO STORE THE BODY. MORTUARY DIRECTOR SAYS THAT \$250 BURIAL ALLOWANCE TO WHICH WHITE, AS A FORMER MARINE, SHOULD BE ENTITLED, SHOULD COVER THE COSTS OF SIMPLE LOCAL BURIAL.

4. DEPT. IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT MOTHER, JOSEPHINE WHITE,
14 GRINELL LANE, NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI, TEL. 601-442-1120,
ADVISE HER OF DEATH AND FACT THAT BODY IS IN KOREA, AND
ASCERTAIN HER WISHES ABOUT DISPOSITION OF THE BADLY DECOMPOSED
REMAINS.
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